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## The Bishop's Weekly Chat With You.

My dear Flock:

Today is the feast of the Holy Name of Jesus, while it is customary for the organization to observe the feast on the second Sunday of January, the day of their first monthly Communion in the new year.

On this occasion every member should renew his pledge, which, when publicly recited, is as follows:

"Blessed be God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost! I profess publicly my belief that our Lord Jesus Christ is the Son of God, made man for the salvation of mankind. I recognize His divine authority, and believe that all power on earth, civil and religious, comes from Him. All lawfully constituted authority I respect and promise to obey. May the God of Justice guide the minds and uphold the hands of those vested with its power. May the God of Might break asunder the bonds of those met together against the Lord and against His Christ. In honor of His divine Name, I pledge myself against perjury, blasphemy, profanity and obscene speech. Praised be the Name of God, and blessed be the Name of His divine Son, now and forever!"

The Holy Name Society has probably a larger membership than any church sodality in America, and, considering that it is constituted only of men, it is noteworthy.

My first request of you in the new year is to be a faithful member of your sodality, to receive Holy Communion with the general body every month during 1927, and to observe scrupulously the pledge to abstain from all indecent language, from all cursing and profane language, and to observe the Sunday religiously.

Then there are, of course, some men in every parish who have not affiliated with the Holy Name Society, even though they cannot offer a valid excuse for remaining out of it. I beg them to present their names for admission into the Society, at an early date, and by so doing to give encouragement to the pastor, to set good example to their children, and to bring down God's blessing on themselves and families.

The fact that you may have contracted the habit of cursing and that you are likely to make use of such language indeliberately even after taking your pledge not to do so, does not justify your remaining outside the ranks of the Holy Name Society. There is a standing obligation for you to discontinue the practice of profane language, and of cursing, whether you join the Holy Name Society or not, and you sin more grievously when you indulge in such language, even unconsciously, while you are not trying to overcome it. When you take a pledge to abstain from such language, evidently you are determined to keep it, and the unconscious infractions of the second Commandment will not be held against you by the Almighty simply because your pledge shows that such infractions are not wilful.

For a man to receive Holy Communion once a month is not too frequent in these days when such a large proportion of the congregation receives weekly, and when the Church advocates even daily Communion. The most certain way to keep your children faithful in the practice of their religion is for them to see their father approach the Holy Table at least monthly. The younger children will also be beneficially influenced by the practice of monthly Communion on the part of their older brothers.

Since the habit of profanity is so prevalent, and since it cannot be condoned on any grounds, the least that we Catholics can do is to show a united front against it. We, whose tongues are sanctified in baptism, and more particularly every time the Sacred Host touches them in Holy Communion, should be free from all vices of the tongue, no matter how common they may be among those not of our Faith.

To be clean of speech, therefore, during the year 1927 should be the effort of every one and to remain clean of speech by pledge should be the particular decision of every Catholic gentleman.

+ John Francis Noll
Bp. of Ft. Wayne

### PARENTS OF BISHOP HIS GUESTS FOR WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. John G. Noll and daughters, Miss Muriel Noll and Miss Velma Noll, of Huntington, parents and sisters of Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D., assisted at the Midnight Pontifical Mass on Christmas at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Mr. and Mrs. Noll are the guests of the Bishop until over New Year's.

# Committee Visiting Mexico Discussed By Fr. J. J. Burke

Washington, D. C.—Announcement that a new "fact-finding committee" of American Protestant clergymen, editors and others is to visit Mexico with the purpose of improving relations between Mexico and the United States is made the subject of a statement issued here recently by the Rev. John J. Burke, C. S. P., General Secretary of the National Catholic Welfare Conference.

The tour of the "fact-finding" committee is being arranged, it is reported, by the Rev. Dr. Herbert C. Herring, who was a member of a "good-will commission" which went to Mexico for a similar purpose last spring. Other prominent members of the new committee, it is announced, will be the Rev. Dr. Paul Hutchinson, editor of the Christian Century, and Herbert Croly, editor of New Republic, "liberal" weekly.

In his statement regarding the committee and its objects, Father Burke said:

"The public will await the report of this second Herring committee with an open mind. The committee is said to be made up of churchmen and writers and announces that its mission is to foster amicable relations between the United States and Mexico.

"Dr. Herbert C. Herring, who is to be in charge of the excursion, is an official of the Congregational church. In spite of the immigration laws of Mexico, Dr. Herring has spent some time in Mexico himself making arrangements with the Calles Government and the fact that some of his party are foreign ministers seems to have occasioned no difficulty.

"This is not the first so-called fact-finding committee that has gone to Mexico. Dr. Herring himself conducted a similar committee to Mexico last summer, and if the report made then can be taken as a criterion, but little in the way of truth or of justice can be looked for now.

"It is hoped that attitudes and judgments already taken and publicly expressed by some members of the committee are no forecast of its final report.

"Herbert Croly, editor of the New Republic, has been openly hostile to the Bishops of Mexico, charging them with fomenting political rebellion in support of alien interests in Mexico.

"Paul Hutchinson of the Christian Century, from the outbreak to the present trouble in Mexico, has condemned the position of the Catholic Church and given his entire sympathy to the Calles Government.

"Dr. Herring, in an interview given wide publicity last August, said: 'The conflict is between a forward-looking, keenly-enthusiastic nation and a Church which has settled down to a barren and dead conservatism.'

"The presence of such men on the committee doubtless inspired an item which recently appeared in a Mexican paper congratulating the administration for the success of Dr. Herring in arranging for the coming of this committee 'which upon its return to the United States would by its report dissipate the calumnies being published there against the Government of Mexico.'"

### WHEN YOU MAKE YOUR WILL.

Since every Catholic should leave a little something in his will either for his parish church or for some diocesan cause, such as the orphans, seminarians, etc., we submit below a form which it would be well to follow:

I give, devise and bequeath to John F. Noll, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne, or to his successor the sum of $_____ to be used for the benefit of _____

(Whatever the special object may be)

## Sacrilege Committed By Mexican Officials

Guadalajara, Mexico—A sacrilegious act on the part of officials has taken place here which has shocked the whole population of this intensely Catholic city, capital of the equally Catholic State of Jalisco.

This act was nothing less than the scattering about and grossly profaning of the Sacred Hosts.

Father Toribio Bracho was arrested on one of the flimsy "suspicion" charges with which priests throughout Mexico are now being harassed. He was immediately searched and found to be carrying a pyx containing Sacred Hosts. Those who arrested him sneeringly tore the pyx from him, scattered the Hosts upon the ground and then stamped and spat upon Them.

Following this sacrilege Father Bracho was taken under guard to Mexico City and there thrown into the military prison of Santiago Tlaltelolco. Nothing further has been heard of him, and it is assumed here that he is still in prison.

DEAN OF SACRED COLLEGE. His Eminence Cardinal Vannutelli, oldest member of the Roman Curia, recently celebrated his ninetieth birthday. He has been secretary of the conclaves of Cardinals since 1870. (International Newsreel)

## BISHOP WILL ATTEND MISSION BOARD MEETING.

The Right Reverend Bishop will attend the meeting of the American Board of Catholic Missions, at Chicago, on January 3rd and 4th. On January 6th, he will preside at the Reception and Profession of nuns at St. Francis' Convent, Lafayette. St. Mary's, Notre Dame, holds a similar ceremony on the same day, but owing to his previous promise to the Sisters at Lafayette, he will be unable to attend.

The Bishop was the guest of honor at the Annual Christmas Banquet of the Staff and Employees of OUR SUNDAY VISITOR, held recently at the Sunday Visitor Building, Huntington, Ind.

## Fire Damages New Baltimore School

Baltimore—Fire badly damaged the new three-story school building of St. Rose of Lima Church, Fourth and Washington Streets, Brooklyn Station, last Tuesday.

The blaze, which necessitated the sounding of three alarms, was discovered at 1 a. m. Because of the presence of a long line of freight cars on the Baltimore-Annapolis boulevard, fire apparatus was delayed several minutes, and before the flames were under control the building was in ruins. It was to have been dedicated January 16.

The structure was erected about a year ago. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Leonard J. Ripple, a brother of Rev. Michael Ripple, national spiritual director of the Holy Name Society.

## Great St. Sulpice Organ Is Restored

Paris.—The finest organ in France, that of the church of St. Sulpice, has just been completely cleaned and restored. This organ was constructed in 1861 by Cavaille-Coll and has been used by Saint-Saens, Cesar Franck and Guilmant.

It has five keyboards, one hundred stops, and six thousand pipes. The present organist is the noted composer Widor, permanent secretary of the Academy of Fine Arts, who celebrated the restoration of the famous instrument with a recital, during which he played his "Gothic Symphony" and several pieces composed especially for the occasion.

## Fr. Serra's 213th Birthday Observed

Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. — The 213th anniversary of the birth of Father Junipero Serra, Franciscan missionary of California, was celebrated here by memorial services including a High Mass celebrated by Msgr. Hamon Mestres. San Carlos Mission choir sang chorals.

Msgr. Mestres preached an eloquent sermon on the life and labors of Serra, who was born in Majorca, Spain, and became the "Apostle of California," first to bring here the light of Christianity.

Carmel Mission was the headquarters of all the old Missions in California. Here Serra died and is buried.

STUDYING CATHOLIC BEGINNINGS IN TEXAS. Members of the Knights of Columbus Historical Commission, organized November 24, at St. Edward's University, to prepare a history of the Church in the Lone Star State. In the picture (front row, left to right) are: Rev. Jos G. O'Donohoe, secretary; Rev. Dr. Paul J. Folk, C. S. C., chairman; Rev. M. B. Garriga. Middle row: Rev. Daniel A. Laning, Rev. Dr. Peter Gulday, secretary American Catholic Historical Association, Rev. H. D. Buchanan. Back row: Wm. G. Galligan, Rev. Dr. J. S. Murphy, and Jos. I. Driscoll.

### Have You Renewed Your Subscription?

Most subscriptions have lapsed with the December 26th number. If you have not renewed your subscription, do so at once, and avoid missing any issue of the official paper of your Diocese.

# Provide Christmas Cheer for Orphans

### Children From St. Vincent's Home Entertained at Series of Holiday Functions.

Beginning December 18 and continuing until December 30 inclusive the little girls of St. Vincent's Orphan Home, Fort Wayne, participated in a series of Christmas festivities. Entertained and presented gifts, they in turn gave attractive programs.

The program opened with their participating on the children's party given at the Strand theatre by the public welfare department of the Fort Wayne Woman's club with Mrs. H. S. Tinkham in charge. Sunday afternoon, December 19, members of St. Agnes' Young Ladies' sodality of St. Peter's church visited St. Vincent's. They were accompanied by Santa Claus who distributed their gifts to the Poor Handmaids and the orphans. At 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon, December 23, the children participated in the annual Christmas party given at the Mizpah temple.

Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock the children gave a program in honor of Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D., who visited the institution. Their entertainment included a series of songs and recitations appropriate to the season. The affair was under the auspices of St. Vincent's Sewing Circle. Santa Claus figured prominently, furthering the efforts of the sewing circle in the distribution of gifts. Reminders of the festive occasion were presented Bishop Noll, Rev. Edward Fallon, chaplain at St. Vincent's, the 13 Poor Handmaids of Christ conducting the home, and approximately one hundred forty orphans. No one was overlooked, employees at the home being included as recipients of gifts.

The Sewing Circle committee on arrangements was formed by the officers; Mrs. Chester Klingenberger, president; Mrs. John Deppen, vice-president; Mrs. Will Fields, secretary and Mrs. Clara Parrot, treasurer. The circle is formed by about thirty ladies, representatives of the Fort Wayne parishes.

Christmas eve members of Fort Wayne council No. 451 Knights of Columbus and of Our Lady of Victory circle No. 246 Daughters of Isabella visited St. Vincent's home at 6 o'clock for the distribution of gifts. Santa Claus aided them in their labor of love.

The annual report has been issued by Bishop Noll through the Chancery for the two diocesan orphan asylums, St. Joseph's for boys, at Lafayette, and St. Vincent's for girls, at Fort Wayne. At the former institution the number of boys on November 1, 1926 was 151. Twenty-seven were admitted during the year and 40 dismissed. In all of the churches the annual Christmas collection was taken up on the feast day and proved decidedly generous. The 1925 collection totaled $38,046.08. Including payments made on property sold and a personal donation from the Ordinary, there is now in an Orphan building fund more than $100,000. Receipts at St. Joseph's for the past year totaled $21,925.38; expenditures, $20,453.39; at St. Vincent's the receipts were $22,084.57; expenditures, $21,411.38. Total receipts in Chancery Orphan fund were $63,861.07; expenditures, $59,690.70. The cash balance on hand November 1, 1926 in the chancery fund was $4,170.37.

## Irish Papers Score George B. Shaw for Slur On Christmas.

Dublin.—Irish papers are denouncing George Bernard Shaw's pronouncement of a few days ago, that Christmas has grown to be a nuisance, and ought to be abolished.

The Christmas spirit is very strong here. The decorations are unprecedented, and fairy lamps are stretched across the streets, even outside the center of the city. With bright, dry weather favoring shopping, business has been very good in the stores.

The churches were overcrowded Christmas morning with people seeking to attend three Masses.

### HOLY CROSS SEMINARIAN GUEST OF C. C. H. FACULTY

George Dolan, C. S. C., a seminarian of the Congregation of Holy Cross, Notre Dame, and a former resident of Fort Wayne, is spending the Christmas holidays in the city, the guest of the faculty of the Central Catholic high school. The seminarian was given an extended vacation visit owing to the serious illness of his mother, who is confined in St. Joseph's hospital.

NEW JERSEY'S LATEST CHURCH. St. Ann's, Hoboken, dedicated two weeks ago, is one of handsomest in the State and will serve the largest parish in the city. The picture shows the interior of the edifice. Msgr. John A. Duffy, Vicar General of the Newark diocese, is shown at the altar. (International Newsreel)

# Mexican Seminary Closed by Calles and the Doors are Sealed

### First Move to Prevent Training of Priests—Sacrilegious Act By Officials of Guadalajara Shocks the Population.

Durango, Mexico—The Calles Government, having ruthlessly acted to tear the Catholic hierarchy and clergy of Mexico from their flocks, apparently is now launching a campaign equally summary to prevent the training of new priests.

Such an interpretation is placed on the peremptory closing of the conciliar seminary here, which has just taken place at the orders of the Government.

This campaign, if followed out—as Mexican Catholics have no doubt it will be—will constitute further and impressive proof that it is the aim of the Calles regime to cast out religion from Mexico, root as well as branch. First, it is made impossible for the clergy to function and they are taken from their people on all sorts of pretexts, often with bloodshed; second, the seminaries are closed, so that new priests may not be prepared to take their places. Without a clergy, religion dies, and the deed is accomplished, is the evident view of the Government.

In the case of the Durango Seminary, Calles' agents were forced to make a grotesque charge in order to carry out their purpose: they called the seminary a primary school, in order that they might invoke Article 3 of the Constitution of 1917, which provides that "primary instruction, whether higher or lower, given in private institutions shall be secular" and that "no religious corporation nor minister of any religious creed shall establish or direct schools of primary instruction."

Having thus twisted the character of the seminary to suit its purpose, the Government ordered a visit of inspection. The inspectors promptly reported that they had found proof that Article 3 of the Constitution and Article 3 of the Amended Penal Code were being violated. This violation, they said, consisted in the giving of primary, elementary and higher instruction which was not of a secular character, and the administration of the seminary by ministers of the Catholic Church.

Upon receiving this report, which had evidently been sought and expected, the Governor of the State ordered the mayor of the city to have the seminary closed immediately and all the doors sealed. In addition, he was directed to inform the directors of the seminary that a fine of 1,500 pesos had been imposed upon them and that failure to pay would mean fifteen days in prison for all those accused.

## Archbishop Offers To British Miners "Sincere Sympathy"

London—"Most sincere sympathy" with the miners is publicly expressed by Archbishop Keating of Liverpool in a pastoral letter dealing with the coal industry dispute, which has now collapsed. The dispute began last April.

The Archbishop says the failure of the combined effort of the miners to improve their condition does not reflect on the justice of their claims, and declares that the country will not be content to leave their grievances unredressed.

His Grace pleads for cooperation in the new campaign inaugurated by labor leaders to promote good will in industry, and severely criticizes the extremists among employers and employed.

## St. Chad's Church, Manchester, Keeps 150th Anniversary

London—The mother church of Manchester, St. Chad's, observed its 150th anniversary this week. It was established half a century before Catholic Emancipation. The original church was reached by a back passage in order to render it inconspicuous.

Even before the opening of the first church, Mass was said secretly in Manchester in an obscure room by Father Edward Helmer who left a legacy of $1,500 which made possible the erection of the first church. He was buried in the Manchester Anglican cathedral and is described in the sexton's register as "a Roman priest."

## Grindstones Used For Paving Floor Of English Church

London.—Old broken grindstones will form the sanctuary pavement of a church which is being made out of an ancient tithe barn at Clent, a Worcestershire village.

Voluntary workers are engaged in the transformation and it is hoped to have the building ready for Mass on Christmas day. The new church is the gift of a resident.

The grindstones which will make the sanctuary unique have accumulated in a local farm yard for generations. They will be laid and grouped in cement.

## Father J. P. Kelly Of East Greenwich, R. I., Dies Suddenly

East Greenwich, R. I.—The Rev. James P. Kelly, pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church here, fell dead this morning as he was ascending the altar to celebrate a Requiem Mass. He was 49 years old and apparently in perfect health.

Father Kelly is survived by a brother, the Rev. Thomas A. Kelly of Fall River, Mass.

## Former Episcopal Cleric To Become Catholic Priest

New York—Received into the Catholic Church by the Paulist Fathers of this city only a few weeks ago, the Rev. H. Kenneth McKinstry, recently of the Anglican Cathedral, Dallas, Tex., has entered the Syracuse House of Studies for Belated Vocations to the Priesthood to prepare for the priesthood.

Mr. McKinstry, who is only twenty-four years of age, attended the Colorado State Teachers' College and received his degree in education before he began studies for the Anglican ministry. He is the only member of his family to embrace Catholicity, though his father is a close friend of the Right Rev. Patrick A. McGovern, Bishop of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

At the instance of the Very Rev. Joseph McSorley, C. S. P., Superior General of the Paulist Fathers, the Belated Vocation School at Oriskany was chosen for Mr. McKinstry's preliminary training. The preaching of the Paulist Fathers, in their discourses to non-Catholics, led to Mr. McKinstry's conversion and reception into the Church later.

## Mexican Catholic Teachers In Want

Mexico City—So large has become the number of school teachers who have been discharged from their positions by the Minister of Education for refusing to endorse the anti-religious policy of the Calles Government, that the Catholic Episcopate has appealed for subscriptions to aid the victims of this phase of the persecution, many of whom are in bad straits.

Twenty thousand pesos a month is required to keep the families of the discharged teachers from starving to death. Bishop Diaz, in issuing the Hierarchy's appeal, says that the Church in Mexico is too poor to assume the great burden alone, and thus has asked individual Catholics to help.

TRAINS MANY MISSIONERS Very Rev. Michael A. Mathis, superior of Foreign Mission Seminary of the Holy Cross, Brookland, D. C., has seen many of his students enter the quest for souls in India. (Edmonston Photo)